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## SUBMITTS MEANS TO RAISE TAXES

Secretary McAdoo Offers Suggestions to House and Senate Committees.

### WOULD GET OVER BILLION

Secretary McAdoo has submitted to the ways and means committee of the House and the finance committee of the Senate suggestions of new forms of taxation, designed to raise \$1,807,250,000 to defray one-half the estimated cost of the war for the first year. The \$2,000,000,000 of bonds authorized in pending legislation is to meet the other half.

As forecast, the income tax, through enlargement, is to furnish a very considerable portion of the money expected to be raised. A 50 per cent increase on both individuals and corporations for 1916, payable next June, would yield an additional \$165,000,000, the Secretary estimates.

To lower the income tax exemption for 1917 from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for married persons, from \$4,000 to \$2,000 for single persons, and to leave the present law applicable to the calendar year of 1916 and applying new increases next year, which would raise \$225,000,000 this year and \$300,000,000 additional next year.

#### Some of the Recommendations.

Here are some of the other recommendations: Taxes on articles now admitted free, \$204,000,000; freight transportation receipts, \$190,000,000; excise tax on sugar, \$92,000,000; refined petroleum, \$75,000,000; stamp taxes on theater, base ball and other amusement tickets, \$74,000,000; distilled spirits, \$73,000,000; domestic miscellaneous liquors, \$51,000,000; transportation receipts, passengers, \$25,000,000; fermented liquors, \$20,000,000; smoking and chewing tobacco, \$25,000,000; automobiles, trucks, motor cycles, \$19,800,000; soft drinks, \$19,200,000; cigarettes, \$17,000,000; refined liquor, \$12,500,000; cigars, \$11,600,000; excise tax on musical instruments, graphophones, etc., \$7,000,000; wines, etc., \$6,750,000; excise tax on glucose, \$6,000,000; denatured alcohol, \$2,000,000; retail dealers in cigars, cigarettes, etc., \$4,800,000; wholesale dealers and jobbers in tobacco, \$2,500,000; and snuff, \$1,500,000.

The revised arrangement of super-taxes in incomes as outlined would be: Incomes of \$2,000 to \$4,000, 1 per cent; \$4,000 to \$5,000, 2 per cent; \$5,000 to \$10,000, 5 per cent; \$10,000 to \$20,000, 7 per cent; \$20,000 to \$40,000, 8 per cent; \$40,000 to \$60,000, 10 per cent; \$60,000 to \$80,000, 12 per cent; \$80,000 to \$100,000, 15 per cent; \$100,000 to \$150,000, 20 per cent; \$150,000 to \$200,000, 25 per cent; \$200,000 to \$1,000,000, 33 1/3 per cent; \$1,000,000 and over, 40 per cent.

#### Excess Profits for 1917.

As to the excess profits tax for 1917, collectible in June, 1918, the existing law allows an exemption of \$5,000 and 8 per cent on invested capital, and levies 8 per cent tax on the remainder of the profits of corporations and partnerships. If this tax, allowing the same exemptions, were increased to 10 per cent on profits in excess of 8 per cent and not more than 15 per cent of capital invested to 15 per cent on profits in excess of 15 per cent and not more than 25 per cent of capital invested; to 20 per cent on profits in excess of 25 per cent and not more than 50 per cent of capital invested; and to 35 per cent on profits in excess of 50 per cent of capital invested, the law, according to the Secretary, would yield \$425,000,000.

Proposed revenue from passenger transportation receipts is estimated on the basis of 1 per cent on each twenty-five-cent fare or fraction thereof within the United States, but "no tax on fare not in excess of 25 cents."

Freight transportation, it is estimated, would yield \$100,000,000 at 1 cent on each 25 cents or fraction thereof on each freight bill.

An increase to \$2 per gallon on distilled spirits now taxed 10 cents per gallon, would raise \$72,000,000.

"In addition to the higher rate," the statement adds, "undoubtedly the state-wide prohibition laws, particularly in view of recent court decisions as to interstate shipments, will have the effect of further reducing tax payments."

Rectified spirits are not taxed now, and it is suggested that they be taxed 25 cents per gallon. Instead of the rate of \$1.50 per barrel on fermented liquor, \$2.50 per barrel is suggested.

#### Double Rates on Cigars.

The Secretary's schedule would double rates on cigars weighing over three pounds per thousand, cigarettes weighing less than three pounds per thousand, snuff and chewing and smoking tobacco. Wholesale dealers, including tobacconists and retailers, who now are not taxed, would be taxed 25 and 45 per cent, respectively. Rates on still and sparkling wines, liqueurs, cordials, or similar compounds, would be double. That on brandy used in fortifying pure sweet wines would be increased from 10 to 25 cents. A flat tax of 25 cents a gallon is named for denatured alcohol, now untaxed. "Near beer" would pay \$1.50 per barrel and carbonated soft drinks and bottled waters and natural mineral waters 2 cents a gallon, instead of going untaxed, as at present.

Refined sugar would pay an excise tax of 1 cent a pound. None is imposed now, but it is recommended that any tax on it be made applicable to imports.

Suggested annual assessments on automobiles, auto trucks and motorcycles would be based on their selling prices as follows: \$500 or more than \$500, \$1; between \$300 and \$500, \$2; \$250 and \$300, \$3; \$100 and \$250, \$5; \$50 and \$100, \$7; and \$25 and \$50, \$10.

#### Tax on Amusement Tickets.

A stamp tax of 1 cent for each 10 cents, or fraction thereof, on admission tickets of theaters, base ball games and other places of amusement, and a tax of 5 per cent on the wholesale cost of all musical instruments, or parts, are suggested.

Possible taxes on articles now admitted free to raise \$199,991,114 follow: Crude rubber, 10 per cent; hides and skins, 10 per cent; raw wool, 10 per cent; raw silk, 20 per cent; coffee, 3 cents a pound; fibers and manufactures of, now free, 10 per cent; lumber and manufactures of wood, not including wood pulp, 10 per cent; tin, unmanufactured, 10 cents a pound; cotton, unmanufactured, 3 cents a pound; crude cocoa, 24 per cent; oils, now free, 10 per cent; fruits and nuts, 10 per cent; tea, 15 cents a pound; works of art, 30 per cent; furs, 20 per cent; leather and manufactures of, including boots and shoes, 10 per cent; manufactures of iron and steel, not including ores, 10 per cent, and antiques, \$5 per cent.

The Secretary estimated that \$2,111,111 could be raised by the estimated

rates in addition to the present rates on manufactured articles: Manufactured rubber, 10 per cent; manufactures of leather, 5 per cent; manufactures of wool, 5 per cent; manufactures of silk and manufactures of vegetable fibers, 5 per cent; manufactures of wood and of leather, 5 per cent; and cocoa and chocolate, prepared, 10 per cent.

### URUGUAY IS SYMPATHETIC.

Republic to Maintain Neutrality, But Gives U. S. Moral Support.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 15.—In expressing sympathy with the United States in answer to the communication from Washington announcing the declaration of war between the United States and Germany, the government of Uruguay in its note points out that when Germany announced her decision to carry on unrestricted submarine warfare the American republics, Uruguay included, individually protested, reserving their right to act should their rights be carried on unrestricted submarine warfare.

#### Aid for the Farmers.

To the Editor of The Star:

The President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, senators, representatives and many others are urging greater food production in the United States. It is obvious that the responsibility is too great to be borne by the farmers alone; it is equally evident that many are eager to serve, and that co-ordination is needed at once.

Therefore it is proposed that a great national society be organized, whose name shall be "The Red, White and Blue Society of the United States," whose aim shall be no less beneficial than that of the Red Cross Society. Its object shall be to increase food production and to assist in the scientific distribution of food products.

It shall be auxiliary to the Department of Agriculture. Every man, woman and child shall be eligible to membership. Dues shall be very little, in order to insure large membership. Experts shall be chosen to organize this great undertaking, to distribute its energies.

Labor is one great need, but not the only need of the farmer. He also needs seed, fertilizer, machinery and skilled labor to insure immediate and scientific planting. Later unskilled labor can take its place in the ranks, and loyal members of the Red, White and Blue can "do their bit." Just now speed is a great essential. Two men with a tractor engine can plant 100 acres of corn in twenty days' time. An individual farmer would hardly risk this expenditure if not assured of labor later on in caring for and harvesting his crop.

Directors, too, are needed, practical men, under whose direction shall become most efficient the army of workers who will work not for a wage alone, but from a longing to lend hand and help our country.

Let us, then, join the Red, White and Blue, and with all steadfastness of purpose undertake this labor of love for our land and for mankind.

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## EXPLAINS HIS PLAN FOR ARMY DIVISION

Col. Roosevelt Sends Letters to Senator Chamberlain and Representative Dent.

### FOR PENDING ARMY BILL

Details of Col. Roosevelt's plan for raising, equipping and taking a volunteer force to act with the allies on the western front in Europe have been submitted in letters to Senator Chamberlain and Representative Dent, chairmen, respectively, of the military affairs committees of Senate and House, by Col. Roosevelt.

The colonel gives the administration's compulsory service program his hearty approval. He said, however, that volunteers could be put on the firing line in four months, and the American flag should fly there at the earliest possible moment.

The chairmen of the military affairs committees, after talking with Col. Roosevelt during his recent visit to Washington, when he saw President Wilson and laid his proposition before him, asked him to put his plan in writing.

#### Col. Roosevelt's Letter.

Col. Roosevelt's letter said: "I most earnestly and heartily support the administration bill for providing an army raised on the principle of universal

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### obligatory military training and service.

"I cannot too strongly emphasize my support of the administration in this matter and my appreciation of the need of introducing this principle as a permanent feature of our national policy. It is the really democratic principle, the only principle fit for a free republic in which citizenship should be based on equality of both rights and duties, so that universal suffrage and universal service should go hand in hand. "It is along the lines proposed by the administration that we should inaugurate our permanent military policy; and it is only thus that we can carry on the war in proper manner if it should last a year, or two or three years, or over—and no one can foretell how long it will last. But, of course, a great system of this kind, a system entirely new in this country, cannot be immediately inaugurated. Many months, probably at least a year or over—must elapse before the army thus raised would be available for use in Europe in the hard, aggressive fighting campaigns which it is honorably incumbent on us to undertake now that we have entered into the war.

#### Urges Use of Some Volunteers.

"Meanwhile let us use volunteer forces in connection with a portion of the regular army, in order at the earliest possible moment, within a few months, to put our flag on the firing line. We owe this to humanity. We owe it to the small nations who have suffered such dreadful wrong from Germany. Most of all we owe it to ourselves, to our national honor and self-respect. For the sake of our own souls, for the sake of the memory of the great Americans of the past, we must show that we do not intend to make this merely a dollar war, let us pay with our bodies for our souls' desire. Let us without one hour's unnecessary delay put the American flag on the battle front in this great world war for democracy and justice and for the reign of justice and fair dealing among the nations of mankind."

The colonel said he did not seek to have the volunteer system interfere in any way with or substitute for the obligatory plan, but that except in certain cases the volunteers should be composed of men who would not be

taken under obligatory service. He proposed an amendment to the act of March 2, 1890, providing for the raising of 35,000 volunteers, so as to authorize the President to raise a force of not more than 100,000 (or 200,000 or 300,000 later) for three years, or the duration of the war.

"Under this act," the letter continued, "I should ask leave to raise, for immediate service overseas with the first expeditionary force, an infantry division of three three-regiment brigades, and one divisional brigade of cavalry, together with an artillery brigade, a regiment of engineers, a motor cycle machine gun regiment, an aero squadron, a signal corps, the supply service, etc. I should request the War Department for the detail of any two officers for every thousand men.

#### Ready in Three Months.

"I believe that, acting under the direction, and with the aid, of the department, I could raise the division and have it ready to begin shipment to France in two or three months; my idea would be to have the intensive training in gas work, bomb throwing, bayonet fighting and trench work given in France; they would then be sent into the trenches when they were thoroughly prepared.

"As for my fitness to command troops in the field, I respectfully refer you to my three immediate field commanders in the Cuban campaign, Lieut. Gen. S. B. M. Young (retired), Maj. Gen. Samuel Sumner (retired) and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood. In the first fight of the campaign, the Guasimas fight, I commanded the right wing and then the left wing of the regiment. In the second, the San Juan fight, I commanded the regiment. I ended the campaign in command of the brigade. The regiment, with which I first served as lieutenant colonel, and which I afterward commanded as colonel, was raised, armed, equipped, drilled, mounted, dismounted, kept two weeks on a transport, and put through two victorious successive fights, in which I lost a third of the officers and a fifth of the men, within sixty days, all told."

The Southern Society of New York city has pledged an annual prize of \$500, to be given to the best literary production of a southerner.

### BRAZIL SEIZES VESSELS.

German Merchant Ships Taken Over by Government Order.

RIO JANEIRO, April 16.—Marine forces are taking possession of the German merchant vessels in Brazilian harbors to the accompaniment of manifestations of popular approval of the step. The minister of marine in issuing the order for taking over the German ships gave instructions to the chief of the naval forces to proceed courteously with the work, and up to the present no untoward incident has accompanied it. The belief is said to exist in naval circles, however, that an inspection of the vessels will reveal some sabotage.

The newspaper "O Imparcial" interprets the rupture of relations with Germany and the seizure of the ships at Brazilian ports as premonitory symptoms of a state of war. In this connection it sees the possibility of sending to Europe a contingent of 200,000 men, which would be formed exclusively of infantry. Brazil, it asserts, could easily organize such a contingent.

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